

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

September 16, 2014 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Janna Bailey, Gary Carlson, Dave Coady, Vickie Krueger, Ald. Thomas McNamara

Absent: Scott Sanders, Becky Lichty

Staff: Andrew Pieri

Other: Lucretia Ristin, John Martin

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Janna Bailey, Vice Chairman

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Scott Sanders and Becky Lichty were absent from the meeting.

Public Hearing

None at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Request for Opinion for business located at 206 North Main Street

Ms. Lucretia Ristin and contractor John Martin presented conceptual plans for exterior renovations to a building owned by Ms. Ristin located at 206 North Main Street. Her business, Rockford Roasting Company, is a retail coffee establishment and the renovations are to improve the appearance of that business's storefront.

Ms. Rustin stated that she was working with the City of Rockford to obtain a grant for improvements to the building. Since the building is located in a national historic district it is necessary for her to obtain a letter of support from the Commission.

Mr. Martin explained that he would be using "Vitalite" panels on the front of the buildings' exterior to give the façade more of a "period" look. Mr. Martin showed some renderings to the Commission of what the finished product looked like. Mr. Coady questioned the look, color and use of the product for clarification to the Commission. Mr. Carlson said that based on the renderings that the concept looked good but stressed that the Commission could only provide a letter of support based on the conceptual design. Further, Mr. Carlson stated that the Commission would need to approve architectural plans before a building permit is issued.

Thomas McNamara made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** draft a request for opinion with the stipulation that the Commission approve architectural plans prior to building permit issuance. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Krueger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

Communication and staff report

None

New Business

Gary Carlson addressed the Commission regarding historic signs in the City of Rockford. Specifically, the "Palace Shoes" illuminated building sign. Mr. Carlson mentioned that there was a program in the 1980's to restore signs and wanted to look into preserving the Place Shoes sign. Alderman McNamara noted that there is a guy that is located at 6th and Hall that restores signs and he may be a good person to talk to about this.

Gary Carlson asked staff to call the Rockford Junior league to ask about the Restoration Education Program and find out if it still exists.

Adjournment

With no other business Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Thomas McNamara and **CARRIED** by a vote of **5-0**.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Submitted by Andrew Pieri – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary